



Ellen Josephine Windsor (1890-1981), Buffalo, NY and Hiawatha Lake, PA. Photograph taken at Lake Placid, NY, in 1914. See note in EJW's hand on the reverse of the photo, shown below. Photo probably taken by Miss Saxe, EJW's friend, with whom she formed a photography enterprise named Saxe, Windsor and Co.

J. W.
Lake Placid 1914



The Windsor House at 703 West Ferry Street, Buffalo, NY, where, on October 20, 1890, Ellen Josephine Windsor was born, the daughter of Carrie E. Romer and Milliard Fillmore Windsor. The Windsor Apartment Building now stands on this site.



Entrance to The Windsor Apartments in Buffalo, NY at 703 West Ferry Street. Note that the name "WINDSOR" is given above the door.

Presented here is the text that S. Robert Powell wrote, and which he read at the funeral of Ellen Josephine Windsor on November 18, 1981 at the E. L. Brady Funeral Home in Buffalo, NY:

IN MEMORIAM ELLEN JOSEPHINE WINDSOR

October 20, 1890--November 14, 1981

I am come before you to sing the praises of our beloved friend, Ellen Josephine Windsor, who was born on October 20, 1890, at 703 West Ferry Street, Buffalo, New York, and who died on November 14, 1981, at Wesley Village, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

To all those persons who, from this day forward, shall ask: "Who was Joey Windsor?:" be it known that Joey Windsor was the youngest of the five children [James Millard, twin, 1876-1882; Carrie Josephine, twin, 1876-1877; Romer, 1879-1879; Mildred, 1884--04-06-1943, married S. Everett Mason; Ellen Josephine] of Carrie E. Romer (05-09-1854--07-03-1906) and Millard Fillmore Windsor (11-10-1848--07-10-1921; married Carrie E. Romer on 02-04-1876). Joey's father, known to his intimate friends as Mel Windsor, was the son of Samuel Windsor (1802-1857) and Eliza Grover (1806-1883). Through her paternal grandfather, therefore, Joey Windsor was a descendant of Joshua Windsor, who emigrated to Providence, Rhode Island, from England, in 1638. Through her paternal grandmother, therefore, Joey Windsor was a descendant of David Grover of Whitney, Vermont. Joey's father, Millard Fillmore Windsor, was one of the pioneer livestock commission men in East Buffalo. His first venture in the livestock business was in 1865, as weighmaster at the Lake Shore and R. I. stock yards at Clark and Twenty-Second Streets, Chicago. When the Chicago Union stockyards were opened in 1866, Mr. Windsor took charge of the R. I. scales, then located at the entrance to the yards. Afterwards, he was transferred to the Northwestern scale house. In 1867, he went to work for the Chicago commission house of Strayhorn and Company, and continued with that firm until after the great Chicago fire, when, in 1871, he came to Buffalo, where he formed, with his brother Joseph G. Windsor, the livestock commission

firm of Windsor Brothers. Later the Windsor Brothers joined in partnership with George W. Langdon to form the livestock commission firm of Windsor Bros. & Langdon, at 963 William Street. Joey's father also organized, in Buffalo, the Windsor Soap Company, at Oneida and Bond Streets, a firm of which his daughter, Ellen Josephine, served as Assistant Treasurer for 13 years. Joey's mother, Carrie E. Romer, was the daughter of Alexander Romer (1801-1888) and Caroline G. Lockwood (1811-1894). Through her maternal grandfather, therefore, Joey was a descendant of Jacob Romer, who emigrated from one of the German-speaking cantons of Switzerland to New Amsterdam (New York City) in or about 1747. Through her maternal grandmother, therefore, Joey Windsor was a descendant of Lieutenant Luther Lockwood, who served in the War of 1812. Joey Windsor's mother, Carrie E. Romer, was a woman of many virtues and was highly esteemed in the social, philanthropic and church circles of Buffalo. Her sunny disposition endeared her to all and her effectiveness in good works made her a valuable associate in all benevolent enterprises.

On October 20, 1890, in her parents' house at 703 West Ferry Street in Buffalo (where the Windsor Apartments now stand), Ellen Josephine Windsor was born. With her lifelong friend, Marjorie H. Mossman, Joey attended Public School 56 (now No. 30, at 709 Elmwood Avenue), and Lafayette High School. In February 1904, Joey was declared the Women's Champion Ice Skater in the city of Buffalo. In a one-mile race held at the Buffalo Tennis Club's rink, Joey Windsor, with a one-quarter lap handicap, won the race by half a lap. Her time: 4 minutes and 50 seconds. For her victory over Miss Helen Rowe, Miss May Seaver, Miss Weppner, Miss Hauenstein, Miss Mary Graves, and Miss Watters, Joey Windsor was awarded, by the Buffalo Tennis Club, a silver cup, which to her dying day, was among her most treasured possessions. During her early years, similarly, Joey became interested in

photography and, together with her friend, Miss Saxe, formed a partnership in the photography business, called Saxe, Windsor & Co. In 1911, Joey did a grand tour of Europe, sailing on the Neckar from Baltimore on August 26th. Her destination: Bremen. She was a member of Sigma Theta, a sorority for which she wrote the words of five songs: Sorority, Thy Name Shall Be; The Best Frat in the Land; Sigma Theta, You're All Right; Bound to Each Other by Ties of Love; and Lift Up Your Voice and Sing. As a young woman, too, she became interested in Girl Scout activity. From 1917 to 1924, she served as Captain of Troop 6. When Mayor Buck of Buffalo became the first sustaining member of the Girl Scouts of Buffalo, it was to Captain Josephine Windsor and Troopers Molly Danforth and Olive Abbott of Troop 6 that he presented his written approval of the nationwide drive for sustaining members of the Girl Scouts of America. During World War I, Joey served as a member of the National League of Women's Service, an organization which later became the Red Cross Motor Corps. During the wartime flu epidemic, she drove an ambulance in Buffalo. After having served as Assistant Treasurer of the Windsor Soap Company for thirteen years, Joey went into YWCA work. On September 27, 1960, she retired from YWCA work, having served the YWCA for twenty-five years. At the time of her retirement, she was Director, Information Services, at the Central YWCA, at 190 Franklin Street. On October 11, 1948, she became an Associate of The American Ornithologists' Union. Later, she became a member of the Buffalo Ornithological Society and was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Audubon Society. In about 1953, after having watched birds for more than 40 years

as a hobby, Joey started making ceramic replicas of many of the birds she knew so well and loved throughout her life. Many of us are the proud owners of the ceramic birds created by Joey Windsor.

In 1920, at Lake Placid, New York, Joey Windsor made the acquaintance of Eleanor Pritchard Jones of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and they quickly became the best of friends. Eleanor Pritchard Jones, the daughter of Samuel Sheldon Jones and Maggie Gillespie Russell of Carbondale, was my mother's aunt. It was through my great Aunt Eleanor, therefore, that Joey Windsor became a part of my life, and a part of the life of every member of the Powell and Winter families. For my brothers, Jim, Donald and Russell, and for my cousins, Peg and Elizabeth, and for myself, Aunt Eleanor and Joey, Joey and Aunt Eleanor, were always regarded as extra special people. Holiday dinners would not have been holiday dinners without them. From them, we learned many things. Not only did we learn to identify hundreds of species of North American birds, we learned, at the same time, to respect the laws of nature. From them, either at Aunt Eleanor's house in Carbondale, 14 Darte Avenue, or at Apokeepsink, the vacation retreat created by Joey Windsor and Aunt Eleanor on Four Mile Pond, we learned that people are interesting not only because of their similarities but also because of their differences. From them we learned that to be intolerant is to be less than human. From them we learned that the supreme virtue is tolerance. From them, as well, we learned that in addition to the literal and the concrete world of empirical reality, there exist an infinite number of figurative and abstract worlds, and that those metaphorical realms, created by and for the human mind, are accessible to all inquiring human minds. Those are important lessons

to learn, and to Joey Windsor and her friend, Eleanor Pritchard Jones, we shall be forever indebted for having taught us those lessons.

On Saturday, November 14, 1981, in the early evening, Joey Windsor, our beloved friend, died. To Joey Windsor we are, each of us, united by ties of love, and those are ties that can not be broken by the limitations of time and space, and that is why we have come here today to sing the praises of Joey Windsor, and to accompany her earthly remains to their final resting place in Forest Lawn Cemetery. As we do so, it is altogether fitting and proper that we recall a portion of the address that was delivered at the funeral services for Joey's mother, Carrie E. (Romer) Windsor, on July 6, 1906, prior to her interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Contained in that address is the following paragraph:

"In the church of St. Nazaro at Florence is a soldier's sepulchre with this inscription which suggests the proper synonym for death: 'He never rested. He rests. Hush!' What shall we write above her resting place? She who spared no labor, no sacrifice; she who counted no gift of time and strength too costly to lavish upon those she loved, rests. Hush! Hush unavailing sorrow for the dead who live. Hush needless grief for those who, absent from the body, are present with the Lord. Hush murmuring and impatient hearts. She rests from her labors and her works do follow her."

Thank you.

Written by S. Robert Powell on November 16, 1981 and delivered by him at the funeral of Ellen Josephine Windsor, at the E. L. Brady Funeral Home, 205 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY, on November 18, 1981, at 2 P.M.

BUFFALO COURIER EXPRESS, May 21, 1961



A BIRD WATCHER for many years, Ellen J. Windsor has turned to modeling ceramic replicas. She spends about two hours on each bird, modeling the raw clay into shape with fingers and stylus.

Bird Watcher's Birds

Story by Greg Faherty

Photos by Art Melgier

After watching birds as a hobby for more than 40 years, Ellen J. Windsor of 144 Jewett Pky. finds that making ceramic replicas of warblers is a lark. She has made hundreds of prototypes of such species as the American goldfinch, red-headed woodpecker, great blue heron, canvas-back duck and scarlet tanager, to cite but a few.

Miss Windsor began her hobby of making ceramic birds about eight years ago. She figured it would help her to better identify the many types in her bird watching. They turned out so well her friends asked that she make them some. Miss Windsor has sold many of her works, hopes to supplement her retirement income by sale of more. She retired last October as head of the information desk at the YWCA, 190 Franklin St., where she was an employee for 25 years.

Miss Windsor is a member of the Audubon Society and the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Her years of bird watching plus her adept craftsmanship enable her to achieve reproductions that are authentically correct in color and proportion.

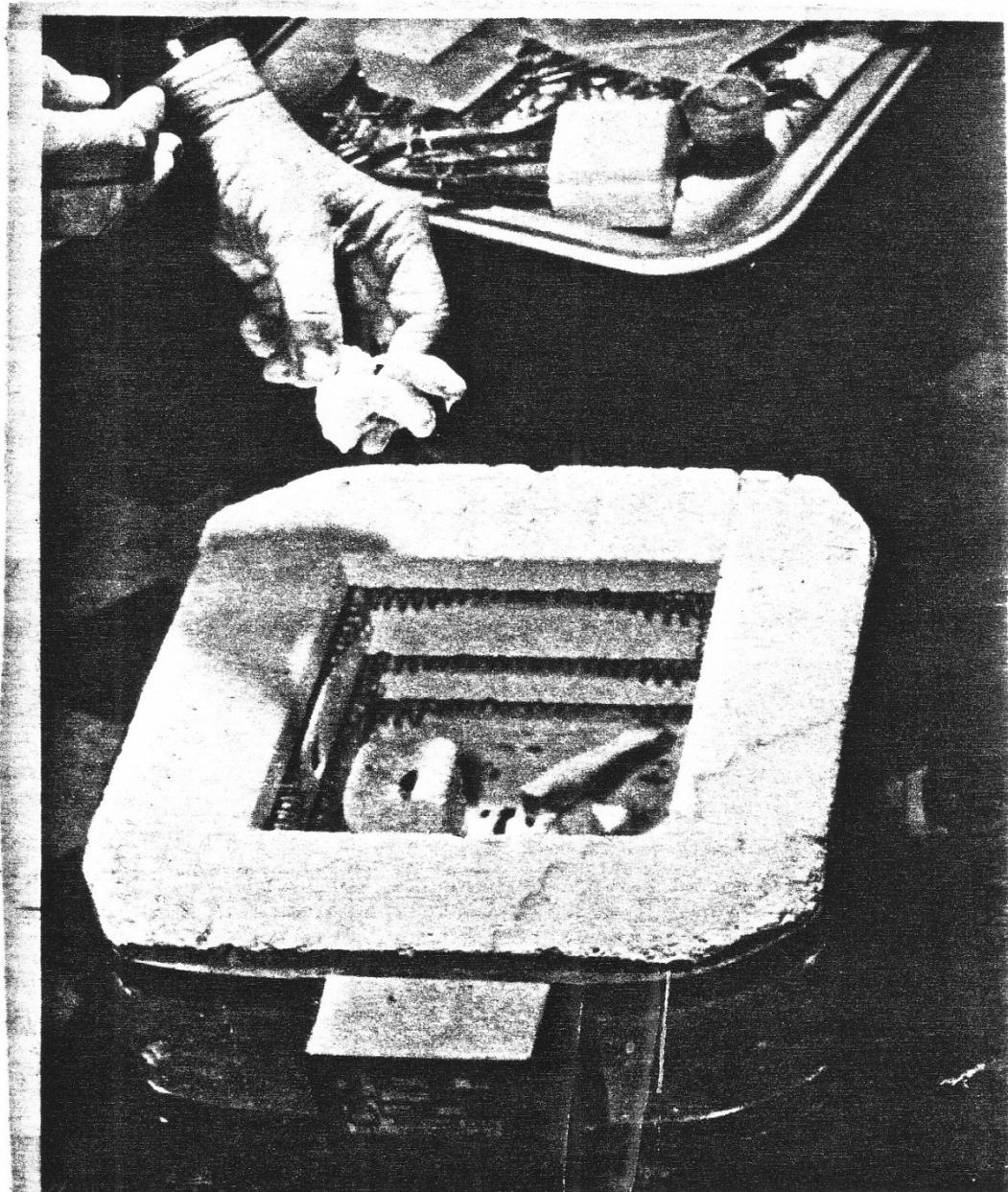
Each tiny replica is carefully modeled, then allowed to dry for several days. Sanded, then underglazed, the bird model is fired in an electric kiln at 1700 degrees. After cooling the model is glazed, then fired once more. For added realism, Miss Windsor mounts the ceramic birds on simulated tree stumps or branches. **CONTINUED**



BIRD MODEL is allowed to dry for three or four days, then sanded to smoothness. After mounting it on a tree stump, Miss Windsor coats the entire object with an underglaze.



TINY REPLICA of a heron is painted by Miss Windsor. Experience as a bird watcher guides Miss Windsor in giving birds natural colors.



PREPARED WITH UNDERGLAZE, bird replica is placed in electric kiln, where it is fired for 30 to 40 minutes at a temperature of 1700 degrees.



SEVERAL of Miss Windsor's creations are displayed on a shelf.

As a member of Sigma Theta, Joey wrote the words for the following songs: *Sorority, They Name Shall Be; The Best Frat in the Land; Sigma Theta, You're All Right; Bound to Each Other by Ties of Love; and Lift Up Your Voice and Sing.*

Bound to Each Other by Ties of Love

Air, Heidleberg

Words by Ellen J. Windsor

Bound to each other by ties of love
We join hands as we sing this song.
Your bonds have held us in a grip that's firm
And have made us courageous and strong.
Our voices we raise in this Song of Praise
And our yell it shall echo long.
Here's a rousing old cheer
For those who are near
And these friends to each other so dear.

Here's to the frat we love so well
Here's to the Green and White
Friendship, fidelity, sisterhood
Fill the heart of each girl tonight.

A toast to the girls who are far away
We're assured of their loyalty
And a toast to those who in future may
Join our Sorority.

Oh Sigma Theta—dear Sigma Theta
We pledge ourselves to thee
For friendships true both old and new
We'll ever grateful be.

Though years may bring us changes
There will ere be memories
Of the good old times we used to have
In our Sorority
Of the good old times we used to have
In our Sorority.

Lift Up Your Voice and Sing

Air, Spanish Cavalier

Words by Ellen J. Windsor

Lift up your voice and sing
Loud shall our praises ring,
In this cheer for dear old Sigma Theta.
Our hearts tonight are light,
We seek the way that's right,
In standing staunch and true
With Sigma Theta.
Oh, Sigma Theta—dear Sigma Theta,
Your bonds are those that nothing ere can
sever,
Stand for friendship that shall be
Lasting thro' eternity,
And lead us on to nobler deeds than ever.

Sorority, Thy Name Shall Be

Air, A Pretty Girl—A Summer Night

Words by Ellen J. Windsor

Sorority
Thy name shall be
Handed down thro' all the ages.
By members true
Whose thoughts of you
Would cover many pages.
And this is so
To you we owe
More than we can relate, ah.
Success attends.
We are rich in friends.
And we thank you, Sigma Theta.

The Best Frat in the Land

Air, Just the Girl I'm Looking For

Words by Ellen J. Windsor

You are sure the best frat in the land,
And we'er for you, on every, every hand,
And we cheer you, cheer you, cheer you,
From the bottom of our hearts.
To us you stand for all that's good and true,
The Active Girls, and all the Passives too
Declare that they are awfully strong for you,
Sigma Theta.
You'll find us all true blue.

Sigma Theta, You're All Right

Air, Tommy Atkins

Words by Ellen J. Windsor

Sigma Theta, you're the best Sorority
Sigma Theta, we're your members loyally.
We will stick to you through thick and thin.
Sigma Theta girls are always bound to win.
Gamma Epsilon and Delta Kappa Phi
Think they're pretty fine and that we won't
deny,
But for us there's only one on earth
So yell with all your might,
Sigma Theta, Sigma Theta,
You're all right—all right—all right.

Carbondale (Pa.) Mirror, Wednesday, November 18, 1981:

WINDSOR

MISS ELLEN (Joey), 91, late of Wesley Village, Pittston, formerly of 14 Darte Ave., Carbondale, died Saturday, Nov. 14, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after an illness.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., daughter of the late Millard and Carrie Romer-Windsor, she was the directress of information services at the Central YWCA, Buffalo, before retiring. She had also served as assistant treasurer of the Windsor Soap Co., Buffalo. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, and a life member of the national Audubon Society. She was also a member of the Ornithological Society of Buffalo; Girl Scout pioneer; and the National League of women's Service during world War I. She was an ambulance driver during the Buffalo flu epidemic, and she won Buffalo ice skating championship in 1904.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. Interment, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo.

Buffalo Evening News, Tuesday, November 17, 1981, p. C-16:

WINDSOR—Ellen J.

Nov. 14, 1981, of Wesley Village, Pittston, Pa., in Wilkes Barre, Pa., formerly of Carbondale, Pa., and Buffalo, daughter of the late Millard and Carrie Romer Windsor. Friends may call at the E.L. BRADY FUNERAL HOME, 205 Linwood Ave., Buffalo, after noon on Wed., where the funeral will take place at 2 o'clock. Miss Windsor was a life member of the National Audubon Society, a member of the Ornithological Society and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery.

The following persons called at the Charles H. Battenberg Funeral Home in Jermyn on 11-16-1981 and at the E. L. Brady Funeral Home in Buffalo New York on 11-18-1981:

In Deep Sympathy

ELLEN JOSEPHINE WINDSOR 1890-1981

Peg Winter
Marion Williams
Rev. Mr. Charles Stange
Barbara Lourenco
Mary Lourenco
Mr. & Mrs. Celine Chubbs
Mrs. Leues J. Dale
Florence L. Gheegar
Helen & Walter Powell
Russell + Ann Powell
Mrs. Andrew Burnett
Miss Ann Veninsky
Marie Bettinato
Norman & John Surudleksas
Gail A. Rosemeyer
Amy Rosemeyer
Mrs. Penalt
William Warble Family
Robert Powell
Samuel Montella Family

In Deep Sympathy

Betty Hutcheson YWCA
Elva Gulmaje
Margaret C. Los
Leadys Tress
Geraldine Fletcher
Adelaide Nolle
Loetha Hablitzel
Leady A. Bulley
Gloria Webb
Marian Wendling
Allen Sippell
Louthy Fischer
Mary Louise Orneva
Lella B. Regone

At 9 A.M. on the eighteenth of November, 1981, S. Robert Powell visited the Windsor plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery (Section 8), Buffalo, NY, and copied down the following inscriptions on the tombstones therein:

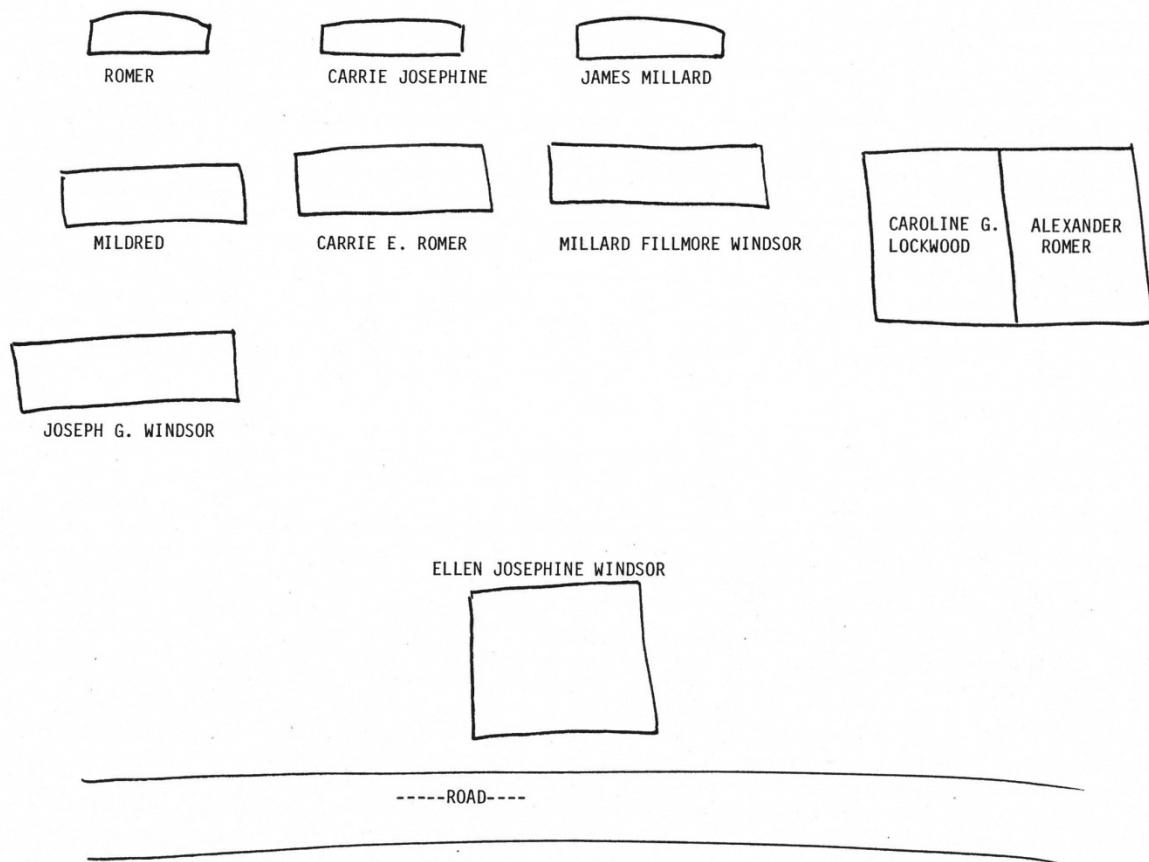
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SON OF
MILLARD F. & CARRIE ROMER
WINDSOR
1879-1879
2. CARRIE JOSEPHINE
DAUGHTER OF
MILLARD F. & CARRIE ROMER
WINDSOR
1876-1877
3. JAMES MILLARD
SON OF
MILLARD F. & CARRIE ROMER
WINDSOR
1876-1882
4. MILDRED WINDSOR
1884-1943
WIFE OF
S. EVERETT MASON
5. CARRIE E. ROMER
WIFE OF
MILLARD F. WINDSOR
1854-1906
6. MILLARD F. WINDSOR
1848-1921
7. JOSEPH G. WINDSOR
NOV. 23, 1842,
May 16, 1909.
8. WINDSOR
1890 ELLEN JOSEPHINE WINDSOR
9. CAROLINE G. LOCKWOOD
WIFE OF
ALEXANDER ROMER
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AUGUST 23 1894

Notes by SRP:

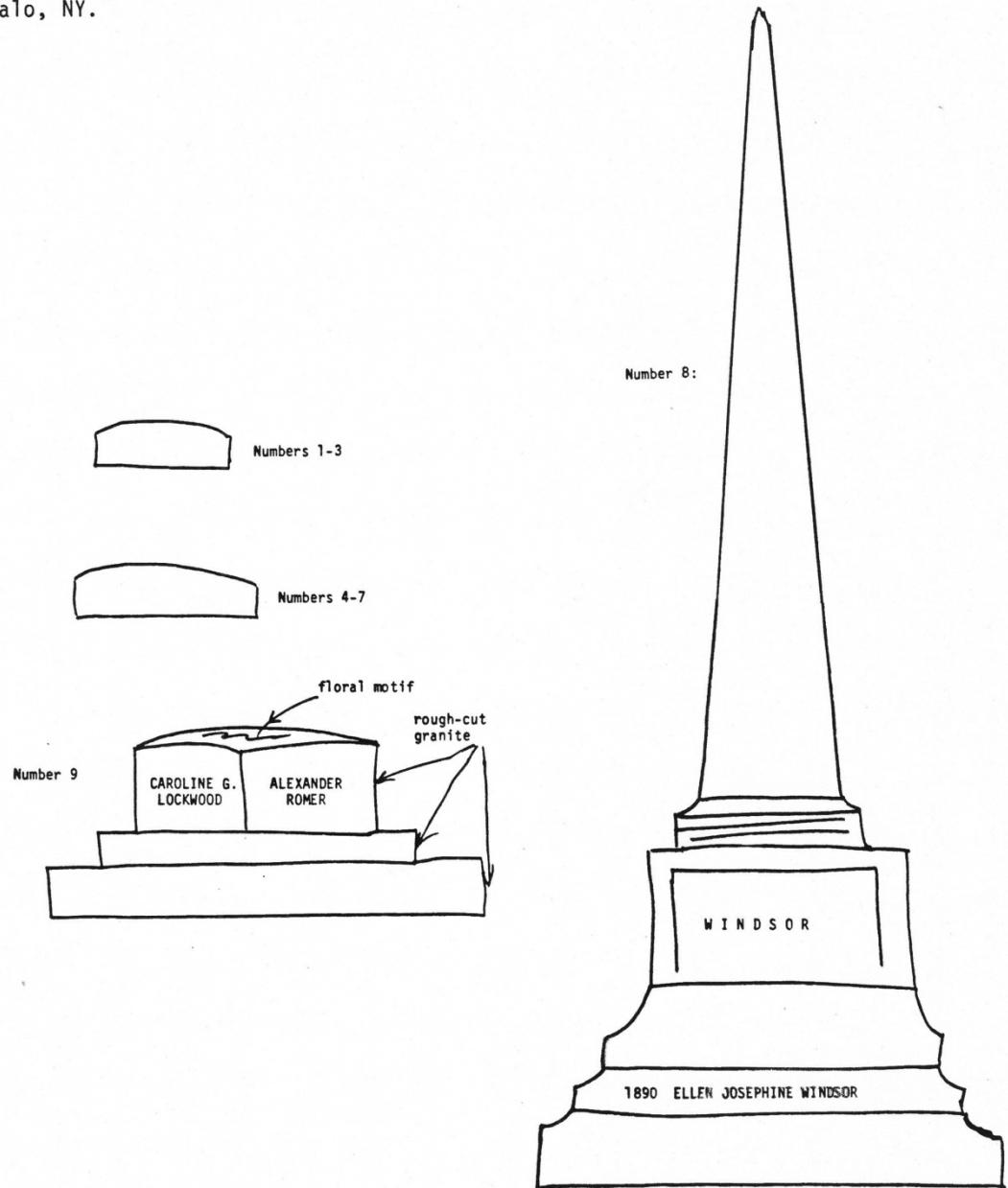
Numbers 1-4: the brothers and sisters of EJW
Numbers 5-6: the parents of EJW
Number 7: Joey's father's brother
Number 8: Joey
Number 9: the maternal grandparents of EJW

ALEXANDER ROMER
OCTOBER 1 1801
JULY 3 1888

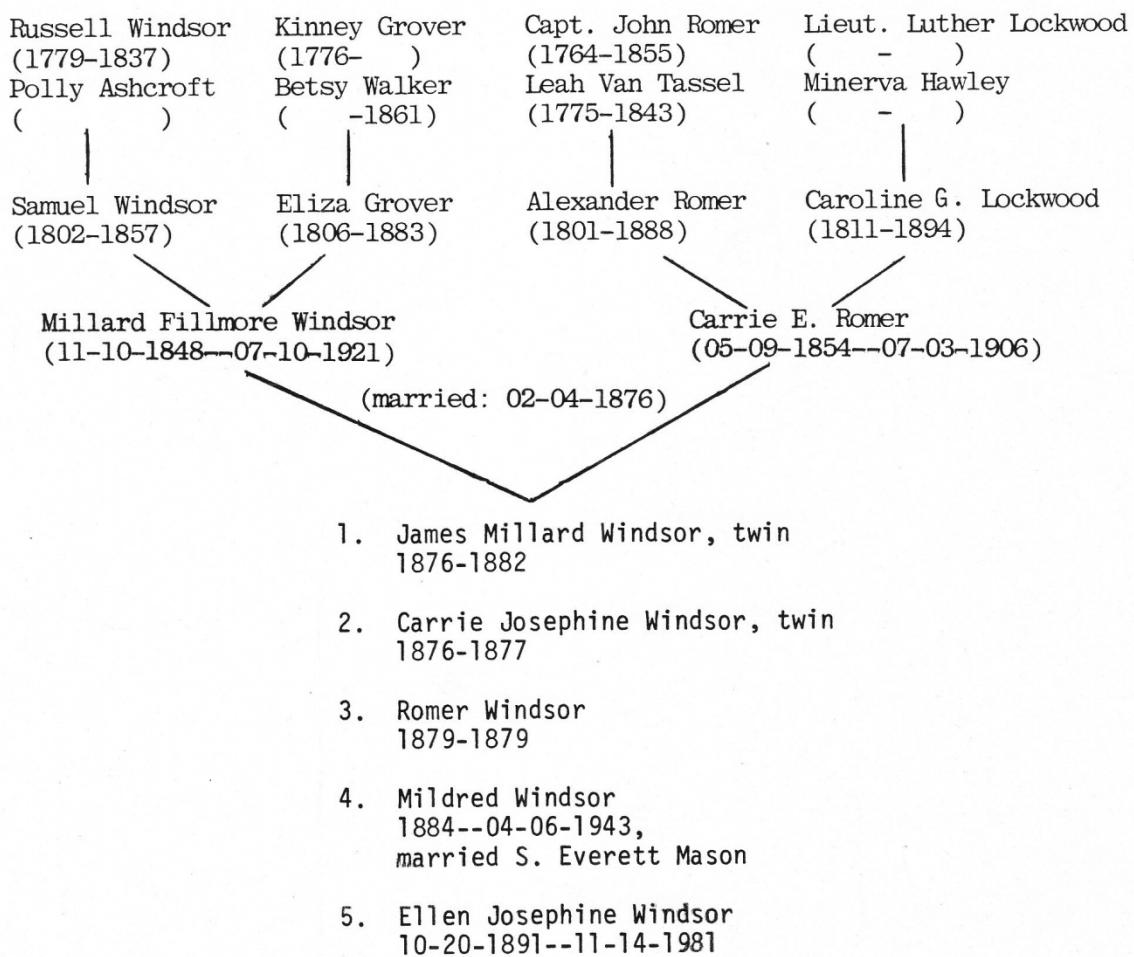
Sketch, by SRP, showing location of tombstones in Windsor plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY



Sketches, by SRP, showing shapes of tombstones in Windsor plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY.



A brief outline of the ancestors of Ellen Josephine Windsor is given below. For detailed information about the Romer family, see HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE ROMER, VAN TASSEL AND ALLIED FAMILIES AND TALES OF THE NEUTRAL GROUND by John Lockwood Romer (Buffalo, NY: W. C. Gay Printing Co., Inc., 1917). For more information about the Windsor, Grover and Lockwood families, see the information written on the flyleaves of the copy of John Lockwood Romer's book on the Romer family that is owned by Ellen Josephine Windsor.



Millard Fillmore Windsor (father of EJW) is one of the six children of Samuel Windsor and Eliza Grover, namely:

1. James Windsor (died in 1907)
2. Jane Windsor (died in infancy)
3. Orlando Windsor (died in 1857)
4. Ellen Windsor (born Dec. 11, 18 ; died in 1926)
5. Joseph G. Windsor (born Nov. 23, 1842; died May 16, 1909)
6. Millard Fillmore Windsor (born Nov. 10, 1848; died July 10, 1921)

Carrie E. Romer (mother of EJW) is one of the four children of Alexander Romer and Caroline C. Lockwood, namely:

1. James Fuller Romer (died in infancy)
2. Emma Palmer Romer (died in infancy)
3. John Lockwood Romer (married Katherine M. Taylor)
4. Carrie E. Romer (born May 9, 1854; died July 3, 1906)

Samuel Windsor (paternal grandfather of EJW) is a descendant of Joshua Windsor, who emigrated from England to Providence, Rhode Island in 1638, as follows: Joshua Windsor--Samuel Windsor--Samuel Windsor--Joseph Windsor--Lieut. Amos Windsor--Russell Windsor--Samuel Windsor.

Eliza Grover (paternal grandmother of EJW) is a descendant of David Grover of Whitney, Vermont, as follows: David Grover--Kinney Grover--Eliza Grover.

Alexander Romer (maternal grandfather of EJW) is a descendant of Jacob Romer, who emigrated from one of the German-speaking cantons of Switzerland to New Amsterdam (New York City) in or about 1747, as follows: Jacob Romer--Captain John Romer--Alexander Romer.

Caroline G. Lockwood (maternal grandmother of EJW) is a descendant of Lieutenant Luther Lockwood, who served in the War of 1812, as follows: Lieutenant Luther Lockwood--Caroline C. Lockwood.

Joey Windsor owed an original Westport Plank Chair (U. S. Patent No. 794,777, July 18, 1905, Mfg. by H. C. Bunnell, Westport, NY.) The chair was designed by Thomas Lee in 1903. Following the death of Joey Windsor and Margaret Winter, "Joey's Chair" became the property of S. Robert Powell. The chair is temporarily on display at the Carbondale Historical Society. It belongs in a museum of American furniture. An appropriate museum to which this chair can be given has not yet been identified. (See "Westport Plank Chair" by S. Robert Powell on Internet Archive)



Joey Windsor's Westport Plank Chair; on display at the Carbondale Historical Society



In 1920, at Lake Placid, New York, Joey Windsor (on the right) made the acquaintance of Eleanor Pritchard Jones (on the left) of Carbondale. They quickly became the best friends and remained each other's best friend for the rest of their lives.

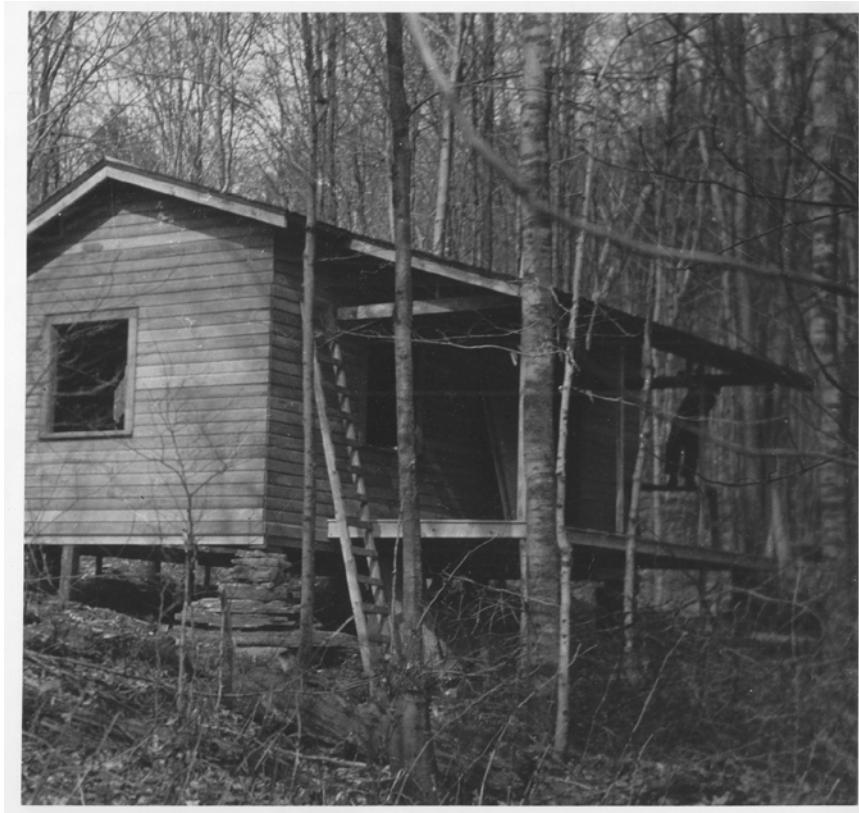
In the photograph given below, they are shown skiing at Lake Placid in 1922.



Eleanor Joey

Lake Placid 1922

They purchased a cabin and had it shipped, un-assembled, via the NYO&W Railroad to the station stop closest to Four Mile Pond, now called Hiawatha Lake, in Wayne County, PA, where it was assembled in the woods, off Island Lake Road, above Hiawatha Lake. Two views of the cabin are shown below.



They named the cabin “Apokeepsink” and they vacationed there every year for the entire month of August.



Apokeepsink, June 1978: left to right: S. Robert Powell; unidentified man, Joey Windsor and Peg Winter.

Emblem/logo created by Eleanor P. Jones and Joey Windsor to commemorate their long and rich friendship, and shown here as painted on a tray that was on display on the ceiling of Apokeepsink, above the large window that looked out on the terrace at the rear of the cabin.





Margaret Winter and Joey Windsor at Wesley Village, Thanksgiving 1978



Joey Windsor, Donald W. Powell, and S. Robert Powell, at 14 Darte Avenue; photo by Donald W. Powell



1978, 14 Darte Avenue: health care worker, Liz Montello, Chris Montello, David Montello; Joey Windsor on the couch